



Remarks/Arguments

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2007 regarding the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

In that Action, in addition to indicating the allowability of claims 5 and 6, the Examiner Rejected the other claims in this application under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) on the bases of different applications of the three cited and applied prior art references.

By the present Amendment, applicant proposes certain revisions in the claims which are believed to place all claims remaining in this Application, on the basis of entry of the present Amendment, in conditions for immediate allowance.

Specifically, while applicant does not agree with the Examiner's stated basis for rejection of claim 1, applicant nonetheless proposes a modest revision to claim 1, making it now a currently amended claim which effectively includes the limitations of originally presented claim 2, which has been canceled without prejudice.

In commenting on applicant's claims, and particularly regarding claim 2, the Examiner has simply avoided dealing with the presence of applicant's error-diffusion performing step which is based upon the utilization of a color palette wherein color values are based upon certain important, claimed factors. More specifically, the Examiner has failed to address the fact that these color values are determined by applying two considerations, on a color-for-color basis, including averaging of (a) measured device output color values with (b) subjectively chosen color output values. In point of fact, the Examiner's Action fails completely to deal, among other things, with applicant's claimed use of subjectively selected color values.

Absence of this consideration in the Examiner's Action is matched entirely by absence of this consideration, in any fashion, in the cited and applied prior art.

Accordingly, currently Amended claim 1 is clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied prior art.

Claim 3 has been currently amended to change its dependency from now-canceled claim 2, to currently amended claim 1.

Claim 4 remains as an original claim.

Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice in favor of new claim 7 which, effectively, is canceled claim 5 in independent claim form.

Claim 6 has been currently amended to change its dependency from now-canceled claim 5 to new claim 7.

New claim 7, as just above-indicated, is effectively an independent claim form of originally-presented claim 5.

For the reasons stated above, all claims now presented in this Application, on the basis of entry of the present Amendment, are in conditions for immediate allowance, and such favorable reconsideration and Action are respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact Attorney-of-Record Jon M. Dickinson, Esq., at 503-504-2271.

Provisional Request for Extension of time in Which to Respond

Should this response be deemed to be untimely, Applicants hereby request an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any



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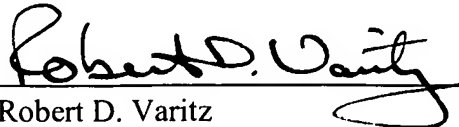
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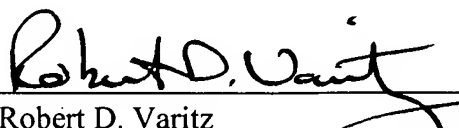
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